

## RICHLANDS NEWS.

### Items of Interest From the Prosperous Little Town Down the Clinch.

Richlands, Va., July 11.  
Mrs. W. P. Fisher is quite sick.  
Mrs. Mattie Stinson is on the sick list.  
Mrs. G. C. Bailey has returned home from Norfolk.  
Mrs. Mary Stout is confined to her home with fever.  
Mrs. Baker, of Davy, W. Va., is visiting at W. P. Fisher's.  
Mrs. R. J. Dawson, of North Fork, W. Va., is visiting at Richlands.  
Miss Draughton, of Roanoke, is visiting Mrs. Sexton at Hotel Richlands.  
Mrs. J. B. Catron, of Norfolk is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bailey.  
H. S. Bailey and Miss Carrie Dye united in the holy bonds of matrimony on June 29th.

Mrs. Ballard Elawick and children, of Whitewood, were visiting at Richlands last week.  
The town has purchased the property of M. C. McCorkle and will convert it into a school building.

Miss May Ratliff and James Barnett, of Belfast, eloped to Bristol and were married a few days ago.

There was a double wedding at this place one day last week, the contracting parties were Beverly Hess and Miss Dora Profit and James McGlothlin and Miss Pearl Caudill.

Winfrey Munsey, express messenger on the Clinch Valley Division, and Miss Frankie Hopkins, of this place eloped to Middleboro, Ky., one day last week and were married. They will make their home in Roanoke.

On the night of the 4th lightning struck the house of G. W. Horton which is occupied by James Helton and damaged it considerably. Fortunately no one was hurt. On the same day lightning struck three of the company houses at Honaker and did considerable damage, shocking a lady and killing a very fine horse for the company.

### Dance and Reception.

The prettiest dance and reception of the season was given on last Thursday night by Misses Joie Brittain, Mary Turk, Marjorie Harrison and Rosalie Strass as hostesses. The reception was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harrison and from there the happy couples repaired to Greener's hall and danced until midnight when an elegant collation was served at the Harrison home and dancing followed until the wee small hours. Those present were:

Misses Virginia Greener and Janie Slempp with E. L. Greener; Miss Annie Amis with B. S. Gillespie; Miss Lade Richardson with Goggin Crockett; Miss Lois Richardson with Frank Lewis; Miss Sallie Brittain with Alex St. Clair; Miss Tot McCall with Archie Buchanan; Miss Caroline Baer with Chance Buchanan; Miss Kate Peery with Jud Gillespie; Miss Bessie Jackson with Sidney Coulling; Miss Aylette Henry with Sam Peery; Miss Nell George with Lathrop O'Keefe; Miss Lena Kelly with James Hawkins; Miss Eva Steele with A. G. St. Clair; Miss Hattie Pudge with W. R. Dodd; Miss Nannie Rose Moss with R. H. Moore; Miss Maggie Hurt with Bowen Greener; Miss Mamie St. Clair with Dr. M. B. Crockett; Miss Nita Peery with John S. Pendleton; Miss Evelyn St. Clair with Wm. Werth; Miss Nina Dodd with Robert Hawkins; Miss Jean Graham with John W. St. Clair; Miss Rose Ward with J. McGuire; Miss Callie Greener with Joe Bowen; Miss Alice Barbour with Hovey Harrison; Miss Guillaume, Miss Margaret Bowen, Miss Painter; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Strass, Mr. and Mrs. Glen St. Clair, Dr. and Mrs. C. T. St. Clair, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Russell; Messrs. J. Peter Williams, Beverly Strass, Roy St. Clair, Otis St. Clair, R. O. Crockett, R. H. Hurt, Ashby Henry and Chas. Moss.

### Wish Less and Work More.

Hundreds of young men in this vicinity should begin right now to lay their plans to attend the Roanoke National Business College, Roanoke, Va., this coming fall and winter.  
This school has forged ahead of all similar schools in the South. For nearly a quarter of a century it has been building a reputation, prestige and influence that can now be used to advantage by young men and women.  
Graduates of this well-known school having paying positions awaiting them.  
The cost of the tuition can usually be earned in the first month after graduation. Write today for catalogue. Address the president, E. M. Coulter, Roanoke, Va.

### Good Roads.

The movement to carry out the good roads movement carried in the April election is moving slowly but surely to fulfillment. The supervisors have advertised for bids on the b-rnds, to be opened on July 20th, and it is expected they will sell at a good premium.  
G. P. Coleman, from the Highway Commissioner's office, was here Tuesday in consultation with the board of supervisors in regard to the matter. The surveys in the three magisterial districts are making satisfactory progress, and the engineers will be ready with the plans and specifications as soon

as the money is ready to start the work.  
W. L. Lancaster, who had charge of the work in Jeffersonville and Maiden Spring districts, is to be transferred to Lee county on account of the work there being done by convict labor, and Mr. Lancaster having had experience in handling work along this line. D. Tucker Brown will be here temporarily in charge of the work until such time as Mr. Wilson, the State Highway Commissioner, can arrange to make a permanent appointment.

While everyone is anxious to see the work started, there are a number of necessary routine details that have to be first attended to that take time. No doubt however "dirt will fly" before frost.

The board of supervisors will also make the annual tax levy at the meeting on the 20th.

### Whitewood Items.

Whitewood, Va., July 11.  
J. M. Ratliff and wife were the guests of G. W. Cole Sunday.  
Ramond Ellis has gone to Big Cherry to attend to business matters.  
Graton Shelton, of Tipton, was visiting here Saturday and Sunday.

The Misses Nunley, of Cedar Bluff, are visiting Mrs. B. F. Valley this week.  
Miss L. Joyce, of Doran, is visiting Misses Willie and Ella Ratliff at this place.

Charley West has accepted a position as engineer with the Honaker Lumber Company.

Toney Bird was visiting homefolks near Princeton last Friday, returning home Monday.

Elonidas Couch has gone to Dorchester to look after the interests of the Tug River Lumber Co.

Chapman Gillespie has returned to Whitewood from Big Cherry where he had been in the interest of the company.

Hicks Helton was summoned to Jasper, Lee county, Va., last Saturday on account of the sudden death of his father.

We were somewhat surprised at Mr. G. W. Litz in giving the different kinds of timber near Hurley. He gives the emblematic oak in all of its varieties and does not mention the shagbark, thisle and rose; he does equal justice to the elder and blackberry and does not mention the cedar, willow, julep, sang, polk or jimson weed. We take it for granted that these timbers do not grow in his section.

### Sunday School Association.

The officers of the Tazewell County Sunday School Association elected at the last annual meeting at Cedar Bluff have appointed the following division superintendents:

Elementary Department—Mrs. W. G. O'Brien.  
Adult Department—John P. Gose.  
Teachers' Training Department—Rev. W. R. Rickman.  
Home Department—Miss Lyde Tynes.  
Temperance Department—Mrs. W. B. F. White.  
Missionary Department—G. W. St. Clair.

The department superintendents and the officers constitute the executive committee, and it was the sense of this body that at least three meetings—one in each magisterial district—should be held throughout the county before cold weather sets in. It was also resolved that the sum of fifty dollars should be raised for the running expenses of the State and county associations, and that this sum be apportioned to the various Sunday schools that each might raise their quota.

The new officers and superintendents are taking hold of the matter with a vim that presages a new life into the Sunday school work of this county.

### Rural Subjects to be Discussed.

The annual rural life conference, held in connection with the summer school at the University of Virginia, opens next Monday and concludes on Friday, July 21. The program, which has just been completed, includes well known speakers on rural subjects from all parts of the country. It is of a very practical nature, and of especial interest to farmers, women, ministers, educators, rural school officials, legislators, village business men and all those who feel that country life deserves a fuller consideration on the part of the public than it has heretofore received. Round table conferences will be held on the lawn each afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, with Hon. O. B. Martin, of the United States Department of Agriculture, presiding.

### A Distressing Accident.

Mrs. S. O. Hall is confined to her home, the result of a badly injured arm, resulting from a fall on last Tuesday. In the usual round of morning duties she had passed down the back steps of her residence and, on stepping on the brick pavement, it is supposed a loose brick in the walk turned with her causing her to fall. Her left arm was caught in a twist beneath her body in a manner that caused a compound dislocation of the forearm and breaking of the flesh at the elbow, so that the bones of the arm protruded a dangerous and extremely painful injury.

Miss Eloise Buston has returned from a visit to friends in Norton.

### Laymen's Movement.

The committees having in charge the Laymen's Movement banquet held their weekly meeting at the office of the Clinch Valley Insurance Agency Tuesday evening. In the absence of the chairman B. W. Strass was elected to preside.

Rev. E. E. Wiley then led the meeting in prayer.

Chairman J. B. Boyer, of the finance committee, reported that collections were very slow and was pessimistic as to being able to raise the amount necessary to conduct the meeting on account of the apathy of some of the members of the committee and the citizens generally. After a discussion it was decided to apportion the amounts necessary to raise among the various churches and call upon them to make good. The agreed amounts being Methodist and Presbyterian thirty dollars each, Christian twenty dollars, Episcopal and Lutheran ten dollars each, and the Baptist five dollars.

On account of the necessary absence of James R. Laird from the city John S. Bottimore was elected to fill his place on the finance committee and J. A. Leslie was appointed to take Mr. Bottimore's place on the entertainment committee.

On suggestion of Mr. Leslie, secretary of the Tazewell County Sunday School Association, it was arranged to hold a union meeting of the Sunday Schools of Tazewell at the Presbyterian church on next Sunday morning at the regular Sunday School hour, to be addressed by one of the visiting laymen and also to arrange for a similar meeting at North Tazewell Sunday night.

The meetings for Sunday were arranged as follows: Morning services at Presbyterian and Methodist churches, afternoon services at Lutheran church and the union service at night to be held in the Methodist church.

After adopting resolutions of sympathy for Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Hall, the meeting adjourned until Friday night to meet at same place at 8:15 sharp.

### Fourth and Last Round.

Presiding Elder Charles W. Kelly announces the following appointments for the fourth and last round of the present conference year. This will also be Rev. Kelly's last round having fulfilled his full four years of duty in this district. He will be transferred to other duties at the next conference.

Richlands, July 15 and 16.  
Pocahontas, July 22 and 23.  
Graham, July 23 and 24.  
Elk Garden, July 29 and 30.  
Lebanon, July 30 and 31.  
Rocky Gap, Bishops, August 5 and 6.  
Burkes Garden, Cove Creek, August 6 and 7.  
Dickensville, Esther Mill, August 12 and 13.  
Graham Circuit, Mays Chapel, August 19 and 20.  
Tazewell, August 20.  
Tazewell Circuit, Cove, August 26 and 27.  
West Tazewell, Bear Wallow, Sept. 2 and 3.  
West Buchanan, Streets, Sept. 7 and 8.  
Grundy, Sept. 9 and 10.  
East Buchanan, Whitewood, Sept. 16 and 17.  
St. Paul, Dante, Sept. 23 and 24.  
Castlewood, Sept. 24 and 25.

### W. G. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union met with the president, Mrs. W. G. O'Brien on Tuesday. Three new names were added to the roll and ten others sent word they would join as soon as they could arrange to be present. A number of interesting addresses were delivered by the members.

Dr. Polly Peery, of Smyth, S. C., who was present, delivered an especially interesting talk on "The Doctor and Alcohol," and showed how easy it was for the doctor in practice to assist the temperance cause.

The Union has rented the old Cooley office near east end of Main street for a meeting and rest room. The regular meetings, on the second Tuesday of each month will, hereafter, be held in this building, and on public days the rooms will be opened for the reception of visiting women and children.

### Cove Creek.

F. W. Leftwich visited friends on Laurel Fork Sunday.

Mrs. Agnes Compton and Mrs. Sallie Shannon spent Sunday with Mrs. Jane Fox.

Mrs. Laura Higginbotham spent the Fourth with her daughter, Mrs. Mary B. Neel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson were guests at the home of Mr. John Crabtree Sunday.

Alphonso Walker, of Falls Mills, is visiting relatives and old friends on Clear Fork this week.

Mrs. Geneva Steele was a guest of her brother, J. H. Crabtree, Thursday night last, and on Friday visited at the home of Mr. C. P. Compton.

The Daughters of the Confederacy of Bland county will erect at Bland Court-house next October a fitting memorial to the brave boys in gray of that county. The monument will be a granite shaft twenty-three feet high and will be of Italian marble. It will represent the Confederate soldier at parade rest and will bear a suitable inscription.

## POUNDING MILL NEWS.

### Items Gathered by Our Correspondent About People Down the Clinch.

Pounding Mill, Va., July 12.  
R. K. Gillespie went to Tazewell Monday.

Mrs. Kate Pruett has returned to Graham.

Will Rees Sparks has returned to Whitewood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brewster have had a very sick child with whooping cough.

Mrs. J. T. Altizer and children visited relatives at Gillespie Saturday and Sunday.

W. B. Steele, R. K. and Saunders Gillespie shipped a car of fine lambs on Monday.

Mrs. Byrd Brewster has about recovered and was able to attend church here Sunday night.

Mrs. J. Baldwin and children returned Sunday after a week's visit to Welch and other points.

James E. McGuire, of Cedar Bluff, visited his sister, Mrs. W. B. Steele, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Williamson, of Dry Fork, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Robinson, at this place.

Mrs. James Johnson and children are spending the week with Mrs. William Johnson in Bluefield.

Mrs. R. K. Gillespie went to Tazewell Saturday on account of the death of her relative, J. W. Moss.

Mrs. Fulton Altizer and daughter, Miss Neva, visited friends in Bluefield Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Pearl McGuire, Rose Early and Lena Scott, of Cedar Bluff, were guests of Miss Uva Steele recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Quesenberry are the proud parents of the sixth boy, which arrived on last Thursday night, making seven in all.

The following friends of the Misses Christian were calling on them here Sunday: Misses Allie Wyatt, Annie Luttrell and Daisy Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Asbury and children, of Bondtown, were visiting Mrs. H. W. Christian here while on their way home from visiting in Bristol.

Rev. M. P. Remine preached an excellent sermon on Monday night at the Church of God to an appreciative audience. He preached last night at Max-well.

The following persons attended the dance at Cedar Bluff Friday night: Miss Uva Steele, Messrs. Rex Steele, John, Fred and Harvey George Gillespie, George and Jim Bob Hurt.

Rev. Fangle, of the M. E. Church, preached at 3:30 Sunday to a large congregation. He was followed by Rev. J. N. Haaman, who made an interesting talk on the Laymen's Movement.

Mrs. Anne Walker spent yesterday with friends here. She expects to leave Thursday for her home in Oklahoma. Her friends will be glad to learn she has been completely restored to health during her nine months sojourn here.

R. E. Mitchell, of Johnson City, came yesterday to relieve R. Trayer, agent, for fifteen days. The many friends of Mr. Mitchell will be glad to learn that he finished in pharmacy at the University Medical College, Richmond, Va.

Miss Pearl Crucey, of this place was married to Howard Reed, of Cedar Bluff, at Falls Mills on last Wednesday by Rev. Isaac Wright. They returned here on No. 11 that afternoon. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. A. J. Crucey.

Miss Rebekah Davis entertained the following persons at "the bungalow" on yesterday: Misses Tot McCall, Mary Turk, Janie Slempp, Aylette Henry, Joie Brittain, Marjorie Harrison, Lois and Lade Richardson, Mary B. Gillespie, Annie Amis, Virginia Greener, Messrs. Jug May, Rex Steele, Frank Lewis, E. L. Greener, Robert Moore and Robert Henry.

### Russell County Election Cases.

Last week some eight hundred persons petitioned Judge W. E. Burns at Lebanon, claiming that they had been wrongfully left off the voting list by the treasurer of Russell county. Judge Burns heard the petition and set last Tuesday for a hearing of the cases, and the hearing opened on that day.

It is expected it will take some thirty days to dispose of the matter, as the case of each individual voter will have to be tried on its merits.

Henson & Jackson, of Roanoke, represent the petitioners, and William H. Werth, of this place, and Joshua F. Bullitt, of Big Stone Gap, the county treasurer.

### Republicans of Wise Nominate.

The Republicans of Wise county met in convention at Norton on last Saturday and nominated the following ticket for county offices at the election to be held on the 7th day of November:

For clerk of circuit court, W. H. Hamilton, of Wise; for treasurer, R. V. Wohlford, of Coeburn; for commonwealth's attorney, G. W. Kilgore, of Wise; for sheriff, W. B. Addington, of Wise; for commissioner of the revenue (eastern district) E. M. Addington, of Coeburn; for commissioner (western district) F. Fletcher, of West Norton.

### Another Letter From Mr. Strother.

Editor Republican:—

It is very kind of you to publish my letters, and I hope that they will interest you and many of your readers. Not often does a man in his 87th year write to his loved ones. That would be an easily performed duty compared to writing a communication to a wide-awake newspaper, busily engaged in defending the policy of its own party and exposing the mistakes of the opposition, as well as chronicling the local happenings of the community in which it exists. I have already written you two letters—one the "Echoes of Eighty-five Years Ago," the other seventy-five, and this one of sixty-five years ago.

When I was in my twenty-first year I left my paternal home, "Mount Airy," near Washington, Rappahannock county, Virginia, for Alabama. I started from home horseback. My father enjoined upon me not to trade my horse. In my saddle bags, besides my clothing, I had some books I had used at the University of Virginia. I was about one week getting to my cousin, James Pendleton's, at Marion. I met my brother, Henry, there. My brother, Wade, was a young lawyer, located at Tazewell. After leaving my cousin's, it took me, I think, about one month to get to Belmont, Sumter county, Alabama. Not a railroad did I cross in this long journey. The first car I ever saw was five years later on. When I got to Alabama I had traded horses until I was about broke-out of money and the owner of—well I won't describe the horse I got in my last trade. This trip to Alabama was a long, lonely and unsafe one of six weeks. Many a man in crossing Cumberland mountain was robbed and killed. How different now. You can now take a Pullman after dinner and eat breakfast in Alabama.

I remained in Alabama five years, teaching two years in Sumter county. One winter I spent at Mr. Andrew Glasswell's. He was raised in, I think, Culpeper, Va., and married a Miss Thornton, of this State. He had lost his wife, and his mother-in-law was taking care of his three boys and little eight-year-old daughter. Some years before I knew them, Dr. Thornton, Mrs. Thornton's only son, when returning from a visit to a patient, put his gun down, the jar it received causing it to explode, and resulting in his death. They were elegant people. After this I taught at Belmont and boarded with a Dr. Hadden, whose young brother lived near there. This brother was killed by a negro shortly after I left there. I then went to Green county and took charge of Triangle Academy. This school I kept three years. My school life in Alabama had in it much to make me thankful for, but many sad deaths took place everywhere I went. If I had it to go over again how differently I would spend it, not so much for the dollars and cents, but as a Christian teacher should. Many of our teachers are now doing a grand work. Many are not only teaching the day but are also teaching the Sunday schools. While I was teaching in Alabama, all teaching was done by men. How different now. Almost all our schools are taught by women—the salt and light of every community. I always played with my boys—went "possum hunting" with them but never went "snake hunting." One day they insisted upon my doing so, and if I were to tell how many snakes they found your readers wouldn't believe it. One night we were all lost in the river bottoms while "possum hunting. While hunting we got to gathering pecans, and became bewildered. One fellow said he could take us out, but after traveling for some time we found we were going not out, but round and round. This we found we were doing by barking a tree. We then selected a star and guided by it went out.

Well, when I was twenty-five years old I came back to Virginia to see my loved ones. While here I met with Miss Susan Petty, of Culpeper, and married her. The Lord heard the prayers of my sainted mother, and continued to bless me in giving me a wife, whose superior I have never known. From the beginning of our forty-seven years of married life she gave me valuable aid in making our support. When I had charge for many years of a female college, she was always my main dependence. She composed many pieces of music. Her musical talent has descended from daughter to grand-daughter, the latter of whom took the college gold medal as being the best performer on the piano. During the first five years of our married life, I had charge of Luray Academy and then of Salem Female Academy. Here I met with some of the grandest men I have ever known. President Bittle was the peer of any college president and a man whom everybody loved and honored. Von Hoxer was professor of modern languages. I gave him and his wife their board for his services in my school. I gave my mother two carriages. The first one I bought at Charlottesville and the other at Salem. In going from Charlottesville to Rappahannock my bill for four of us for supper, lodging and breakfast and also for taking care of the horses was 123 cents. My wife said her father's bill when she was a girl for five grown persons and three horses was twenty-five cents for supper, lodging and breakfast and taking care of the horses. The family we stopped with were nice German people. They know how to charge now. I mention having given my angel mother two carriages.

May many do likewise, and receive more pleasure than putting their surplus dollars in a bank. Such is my experience. The love of gain has ruined and completely destroyed the happiness of many households. It is a shame for any man to spend one dime in poison, called whiskey, or filthy tobacco, when there are so many demands, not only in his immediate family but in the church, for every dime he can spare. We must love children. Many stories I tell them, some real and some such as we read in The Arabian Nights. In doing this we may sow good seed. It is not wicked to take still-house poison, if prescribed by a conscientious family physician; but when we undertake to entertain boys we must not fail to tell them that now is the time for them to resist every temptation of the Devil and the saloon-keeper. Even preachers and teachers and parents sometimes set a bad example. If any one reads this article who is setting a bad example, I hope he will not be offended, even if he is a saloon-keeper, for I am sure some of them are kind husbands, kind fathers and benevolent men, always ready to aid in any good cause. They believe they are doing a legitimate business, and the Christian man who votes with the wets I says so.

FRENCH STROTHER.

Union Hall, Va., June 29, 1911.

### Death of Joseph W. Moss.

It is hard to realize that big, genial Joe Moss will be with us no more; that the bright smile he always wore will not be seen again, but alas, 'tis so, and we will see him never more, but his memory will ever be cherished in the bosoms of all who knew him, for in his case, to know him was to love him.

A good man in every respect—as husband, father, business man or friend, he measured up full in any way you would take him.

Joseph W. Moss was taken ill with appendicitis a little over two weeks ago and on the 3rd he was taken to Richmond and on the 5th was operated on. The intense heat of the capital city, his weakened condition from illness and the operation, were too much for the big strong body, and in the early morning hours of the 7th the kindly heart was still.

The remains were brought to Tazewell on Saturday, and on Sunday from the home, after a simple and beautiful service, were taken to their endless rest in Maple Shade Cemetery.

Mr. Moss is survived by his widow, who was Miss Olette Harman, and one son, Robert, and two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Greener, of this city, and Mrs. W. B. F. White, of Richlands, and one brother, Robert Moss, of Burkes Garden.

Miss Rebecca Davis gave a party at her bungalow, near Pounding Mill, Tuesday in honor of Miss Annie Amis, of Ft. Smith, Ark. Those invited were: Mrs. W. G. Harrison, Misses Joie Brittain, Mary Turk, Annie Amis, Marjorie Harrison, Tot McCall, Aylette Henry, Lois Richardson, Lade Richardson, Messrs. E. L. Greener, Jug May, Frank Lewis, W. G. Harrison and Robert Moore. The day was spent in fishing and hunting, and a delightful outing it was.

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